

GRAUSTARK

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1965Q

"Fall 1917"

FRONT LINES STABILIZE ACROSS EUROPE

ENGLAND (Koning): A Ukr & F Bal hold; A Mos & A War S A Ukr; A Ber S A Sil; A Sil & A Bur S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Mun; A Mar-Spa; A Gas S A Mar-Spa; F Mid S A Mar-Spa; F Iri & F Bre S F Mid; F Hol-North Sea; F North Sea-Eng; A Bel-Ruh.

FRANCE (Linden): F Spa(s.c.) S TURKISH F North Africa-Mid.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (K. Pattee): A Mun holds.

TURKEY (Kuch): A Rum-Ukr; A Sev & A Gal S A Rum-Ukr; A Arm S A Sev; A Ank-Con; A Con-Bul; A Bul-Ser; F Bla holds; A Boh S A Gal; A Tyr S A Boh; A Tri-Ven; F Tyr- Tus; F Lyo. F Wes, & F Por S FRENCH F Spa(s.c.); F North Africa-Mid.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers hold the same supply centers as they did at the end of "1916". (See GRAUSTARK #136). England builds an army in London. The deadline for "Spring 1918" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 1967.

Veteran Diplomacy players will note that 1965Q now ties with 1963B as the longest postal Diplomacy game. There seems no prospect that 1965Q will end, as did 1963B, with the "Fall 1918" move, so that this game will undoubtedly set a new length record.

1966AA

"Winter 1911"

KAISER AFFLICTED WITH BORDSHABIAZIN???

ENGLAND (Dygart): Removes A Ruh.

GERMANY (Latimer): No build received.

Tom Griffin, the stand-by, is asked to submit "Spring 1912" moves for Germany. The deadline for "Spring 1912" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 1967. Press releases for 1966AA begin on p. 3 and will continue as long as space holds out.

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1966B

"Fall 1912"

TURKEY WINS WAR AS
ENGLISH RESISTANCE COLLAPSES

ENGLAND (Davidson): No moves received. F Spa(s.c.), F Por, F Mid, F Eng, F Bot, F Den, A Hol, & A Norway hold; A Kie, A Bel, & F Wes dislodged and annihilated.

FRANCE (Griffin): A Pic-Bre.

ITALY (Ward): A Bre & A Rom hold; A Par S A Bre; F Iri-Liv; A Mar-Spa.

TURKEY (Pournelle): A War-Mos; A St.P-Fin; A Liv-St.P; F Tyr-Wes; F Tun & F Lyo S F Tyr-Wes; F Tus-Tyr; F Ion S F F Tus-Tyr; A Smy-Gre; F Aeg C A Smy-Gre ((sic; no such unit exists)); F Eas S F Ion; A Tri-Tyr; A Bur-Bel; A Ruh S A Bur-Bel; A Ber-Kie; A Mun S A Ber-Kie; A Boh-Sil; F Tun not ordered, holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Hol, Lon, Nor, Por, Spa, Swe. (8)

ITALY: Bre, Liv, Mar, Nap, Par, Rom, Ven. (7)

TURKEY: Ank, Bel, Ber, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Kie, Mos, Mun, Rum, St.P, Sery Sev, Smy, Tri, Tun, Vie, War. (19)

Since Turkey now has a clear majority of the units on the board, Dr. Jerry Pournelle has won the game. A resume of this game and of 1965F, both of which were taken over when Conrad von Metzke suspended publication of Costaguana, will appear in a future issue of GRAUSTARK.

ROME: Italy is quiet tonight as the war in Europe has at last ended. Italian forces are expected to set up provisional government areas in conjunction with Turkey in most of continental Western Europe. Already some hotheads are talking of Turkey next but little is expected to happen until the rise of Benito Mussolini in about 20 years.

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ST. PETERSBURG FALLS TO FRENCH

FRANCE (Berman): F Tun, F Lyo, A Mun, & A Hol hold; F Wes S F Tun; F Spa (s.c.) & F Mar S F Lyo; F Mid-North Africa; A Fin-St.P; F Bar & F Norway S A Fin-St.P; F Bot-Liv; F Bal S F Bot-Liv; A Kie, A Ruh, & A Bur S A Mun.

RUSSIA (Levinson): A St.P S A Mos; A Mos S A St.P; A Ber holds.

TURKEY (Wagner): A Sev S RUSSIAN A Mos; A Liv S RUSSIAN A St.P; A War S A Liv; A Pru & A Sil S RUSSIAN A Ber; A Boh S A Sil; SA Tyr-Mun; A Vie-Gal; A Tri-Vie; A Pie S F Tus; F Tus S A Pie; F Tyr & F Aeg hold; F Nap & F Ion S F Tyr.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian army in St. Petersburg has no retreat, and is annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1914" moves is SATURDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER at NOON. Players are asked to submit conditional builds or removals with their "Fall" moves.

MOSCOW: A reward of ten thousand gold rubles is offered for information leading to the return of the Princess Natalia. She was last seen Thursday in the company of people in the dress of Catholic priests; however, neither Pope acknowledges sending them.

SQUIJI ISLANDS: Pope Sylvester IV has had a turn of his luck in his perpetual pinchle game with the King of the Squiji Islands and several exiled noblemen and sundowners. Once losing heavily, he came up with a fresh stock of Russian gold rubles, and with this as a stake he has recovered his losings and is now several hundred dollars ahead.

ENGLAND (Maloney): Builds F Liv.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Latimer): No removal received. Gamesmaster removes F Eas.

ITALY (Clark): Builds A Ven.

RUSSIA (G. Heap): Builds A War.

The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 1967. Since James Latimer has missed a move, Terry Kuch should send in stand-by "Spring 1904" moves for Austria-Hungary. Press releases appear on p. 8.

1966B (continued from p. 1)

PALACE OF THE GOLDEN HORN: His Sublime Majesty announced with regrets that the Northern offensive failed to drive the Pretender and his English allies out of Finland, and that this probably means that the war will continue for at least another year. Turkish military forces are at their highest level in modern history, he told the Grand Council, but despite this all wartime restrictions on the population may now be removed.

JERUSALEM: The Army of the Southern Faithful announced the capture of a slender young British Officer named "Lawrence". Captain Lawrence, who appears to be something of a local hero among malcontent followers of the outlaw Prince Feisal, had little to say except that he urgently requested that he be allowed a private visit with an unnamed Turkish officer who previously held him overnight in a small town East of the Jordan. He refused to say why such a visit should be allowed.

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NOTICE TO ALL PLAYERS IN 1967V: The Italian retreat after the "Fall 1902" move is given on p. 8. All players but France have already submitted "Spring 1903" moves for this game. If all "Spring 1903" moves, including revisions based on this retreat, come in on or before MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER at NOON, they will be dittoed and distributed, with a "Fall 1903" deadline of 30 September. The "Winter 1903" deadline will be 7 October. This game will thus be brought back into sequence with the others.

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Results of the presidential poll distributed with GRAUSTARK #137 will appear in a special OPERATION AGITATION publication after the poll deadline of 2 October.

1965Q - PRESS RELEASES

SOMEWHERE ON THE WESTERN FRONT (UPI): After reading the secret communication known (code) as "GRAUSTARK", Spiros Preposterous announced that King Koning's communication "what if England and Turkey each have 17 Centers..." shows just what England has in mind for his faithful ally, Austria-Hungary. Turkey has no plans to liquidate France in the interests of a quick victory, as her past behaviour has shown. "We appeal to Austria," Preposterous said, "to change sides before the revisionist opportunist English callously knock you out in order to add one more to their score."

TUNIS: Turkish sailors crossing the North African desert were today advised to brick their camels.

1966AA - PRESS RELEASES

SEVASTOPOL: Ah, the awesome spectacle of the Sevastopolitan State's pomp and ceremony! Consider, for example, the recently concluded Sevastopolitan Diplomacy-Fertility Festival...

To officially initiate the Festival, Tsar André I was accompanied to the dais of the Fairwood Palace's Throne Room by J. J. Dygertevsky and Carl Turnoff, Foreign Minister and First Minister of Truth, Propaganda, and Censorship, respectively. The Tsar, the Mad Satirical Monk, appeared worn from his prolonged bout with that disease he contracted when...ah well, we all know that story...Anyway, he appeared worn, his tall frame bent over, but displayed momentary lucidity when he had to be restrained from chasing a young Feather Dancer who had bowed a little too far.

Carrying a curved scimitar, symbolizing Sevastopol's suzerainty over Anatolia, the Tsar was followed by Mikhail Celstriki, dutifully bearing a nine-ox-tail standard, symbolizing the loyalty of Asia's tribes to His Luminous and Imperious Majesty. Celstriki was clad in olive-drab garb, with three yellow stripes down his back. The Tsar, for the first time, appeared in public wearing the Crown of St. Stephen, His as a result of His marriage to the Balkanian Empress. His robes were a brilliant shade of Leeches-nut.

Admiral Bayleov, prince-regent, was third in the awesome, grand, spectacular procession, carrying the Sevastopolitan Coat of Arms. A half-step behind, at Bayleov's right, was Marshall le Tournier, in full dress uniform. Lt. Igor Brannanenko, head of Palace Security, was at Bayleov's left, carefully clutching the set of master keys to all the Fairwood Palace bedrooms. Other military luminaries followed, including Vice-Admiral Bobarick Wardshev, back from his successful bombardment of Brooklyn, and General Rozhdestvensky (Gopher) Walkoff, recently promoted in exchange for calling off the Sevastopolitan dock strike. (In honor of the occasion, the Tsar also elevated Walkoff to head of the Sevastopolitan Action Guard, a job worthy of his capabilities.)

Various other resplendently arrayed officials and foreign dignitaries filled out the procession.

Gently led by Turnoff and Dygertevsky to the Grand Throne of the Grand Empire of Grand Sevastopol, the entire court bowed. The Tsar, the former A. B. Swensonov, delivered a three hour and ten minute Imperial Soliloquy With Monologue (at least fifteen minutes of which was coherent) on the dangers of Schimmelpennick fumes mixed with essence of burnt GRAUSTARK. He noted the curious effects of this combination on sailors of the British fleet and attributed recent British naval reverses to this very cause. Intended as a secret weapon to be used against Balkania, it backfired when the fumes corroded their containers and escaped before they could be used against Lucrezia's Legions. When breathed by the British sailors, the fumes induced wild St. Vitus Dances, rendering the British fleet inoperative. This symptom is not to be confused with frothing at the mouth, which is considered quite normal among subjects of Infant Prince James.

After this exhausting speech, the Tsar went into a sic comma, punctuated by frequent mis-spellings. Leaning heavily off the back of the Grand Throne, the Mad Satirical Monk accidentally bumped a hidden button which caused the throne to collapse into a king-sized bed! As His personally selected, inspected, and approved Virgin Feather Dancers amused Him, behind a conveniently descending canopy of course, J. J. Dygertevsky assumed the Tsar's role in the rest of the elaborate ceremony. He called for the symbol

of the Fertility-Diplomacy Festival to be brought forth to the dais. Contrary to rampant speculation, the symbolic icon of international intrigue and immorality was not a six-foot-long dagger once used to guard Sultan ibn-ben-Thoma's harem. Neither was it a Creeping Snoopy Doll. Not even a bottle of Bordschabiazin. No, it was a carefully preserved copy of a HOLY GRAUSTARK #1, carried forth on a silver platter by Bébé Bélie. This sacred icon had been awaited for three years, the length of the delay in the start of the Festival, but its arrival from Brooklyn had been delayed because of the Allied Blockade of the port of New York. It had been necessary to bring the icon overland to San Francisco via rail, to Hong Kong via junk, to Delhi by dirigible, onto Lhasa via yak-back, and finally to the Fairwood Palace by an entire tribe of Yeti.

The ceremony commenced as Bélie placed the document at the feet of Dygertevsky and Turnoff. Dygertevsky blessed it by reverently opening it, thus causing the pages to come loose from the staple. Turnoff consecrated it by passing copies of Clausewitz and Machiavelli over it. The HOLY GRAUSTARK #1 was then placed in the Ark of the Broken Covenant where it was adored by all present for five minutes. Cardinal Peericelli - visiting from the Holy Office and substituting for the absent Cardinal Hötendorff - then presided over the Service of Incineration. Raising his fuming censer above the ark and swinging mightily, Peericelli muttered prayers to the goddess Ashtarte and the ghost of Pope Julius II. This done, he took the icon from its resting place and prepared to light it from the censer; but before he could, it disintegrated! The ceremony was ruined. Turnoff muttered something about having to discover the secret of the composition of GRAUSTARK paper...

By this point, however, the court had become bored with the formalities anyway, and welcomed the opportunity to engage in the more important aspects of the Fertility-Diplomacy Festival. Reporters were barred from the proceedings, but those who had witnessed similar proceedings as Salona, Vienna, and Rome, declared that it sounded wilder than anything they had ever been witness to.

Rumor has it that a Diplomacy tournament was conducted, the winner of which is to receive the Interior Ministry portfolio. The question on everyone's lips is: Who will the winner be? Who is unscrupulous enough to win in such company? Stay tuned to this station for the intriguing answers.

BROOKLYN (31 October 1911): Cardinal Midszektion, exiled leader of Stateless Hungarians in Trouble, expressed doubt that Tsar Andre I was actually wearing St. Stephen's Crown at the recent Sevastopolitan Diplomacy-Fertility Festival. "It is well-known," he said to a reporter from a scurrilous Brooklyn tabloid, "that the cross on the top of St. Stephen's Crown is tilted. However, pictures of the ceremony that have reached America show the Tsar wearing a crown with a straight cross."

BROOKLYN (1 November 1911): The editor of a local tabloid repeated his assertion that Tsar Andre I was wearing St. Stephen's Crown at a recent ceremony. "If you examine the pictures of the ceremony carefully," he said, "you will see that the cross on the crown is indeed tilted. However, this is not immediately evident, because the Tsar and all his courtiers are also tilted."

SEVASTOPOL (Imperial Sevastopolitan News Service): FLASH! Following is a wireless message received from our secret Balkanian correspondent, Baron Münchhausen:

DATELINE STOP FROM HIGH IN THE ALPS STOP FLASH STOP WORD HAS REACHED HERE THAT THE EMPRESS LUCREZIA HAS REACHED A POINT OF PHYSICAL DETERIORATION WHICH BALKANIAN DOCTORS BELIEVE TO BE UNPRECEDENTED IN RAPIDITY STOP IMPERIAL DOCTORS PRONOUNCE THE EMPRESS TO NOW HAVE THE PHYSIQUE OF A WOMAN OF SEVENTY YEARS STOP OF EVEN MORE NEWSWORTHY SIGNIFICANCE IS THE PREVIOUSLY UNVERIFIED FACT THAT THE PERSONAGE APPEARING AT ALL BALKANIAN STATE FUNCTIONS AND OTHER LESS OFFICIAL ONES IS NONE OTHER THAN LUCREZIA'S LOOK ALIKE COUSIN COUNTESS HAGNELDA PILSUDSKI STOP AN INFORMANT INSISTS THAT THE EMPRESS IS NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE MUCH LONGER STOP HE ALSO REPORTS THAT COUNTESS PILSUDSKI HAS BEEN NAMED HEIR APPARENT STOP THIS MEANS LUCREZIA HAS PASSED OVER HER OWN CHILDREN IN FAVOR OF HER COUSIN STOP IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT...

Editor's Note: At this point, the transmission of Baron Münchhausen's message was interrupted by persons or causes unknown.

BROOKLYN (5 November 1911, Balkanische Pressedienst): Early this morning, a haggard

WWI-A

"Winter 1919 - Winter 1920"

ARMIES RANSACK EUROPE IN VAIN SEARCH FOR MORE ARCHDUKES

For those readers who come in late, the "World-War-One" variation of Diplomacy is a two-man game in which the actual alignment of World War I is followed, complete with the addition of an American expeditionary force. The rules for this variation appear in GRAUSTARK #107. The last previous moves in this game printed in GRAUSTARK were in #128. In that issue, the Turkish army in Silosia was incorrectly reported as being annihilated; actually, it retreated to Galicia.

ENTENTE POWERS (Lebling)

"Winter 1919"

ENGLAND: Builds F Liv.
FRANCE: Builds A Par.
ITALY: Removes F Rom.
U. S. A.: Builds A Edi.

"Spring 1920"

ENGLAND: F Liv-Iri; F Eng-Mid; A Mos-Sev;
A Liv S U. S. A. A St.P-Mos; A Mun S
U. S. A. A Sil-Boh; F North Sea, F Ska,
& F Bal C U. S. A. A Edi-Pru; A Ber S
U. S. A. A Edi-Pru.
FRANCE: A Par-Bur; F Mid-Wes; F Tun-Ion;
F Tyr S F Tun-Ion.
ITALY: A Pie-Tyr.
U. S. A.: A Sil-Boh; A St.P-Mos; A Edi-Pru.

CENTRAL POWERS (H. Thomson)

"Winter 1919"

GERMANY: Removes A Vie.
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Builds A Tri.
TURKEY: Builds A Smy.

GERMANY: A Boh-Sil.
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A War S GERMAN A Boh-Sil;
A Tri-Tyr; A Ven S TURKISH A Nap-Rom;
A Tyr-Mun; F Adr S TURKISH F Gro-Ion.
TURKEY: F Por-Mid; A Smy-Arm; A Ukr-Mos;
A Gal S GERMAN A Boh-Sil; F Ion-Nap; A
Apu S F Ion-Nap; F Gre-Ion; F Eas S F
Gre-Ion; A Nap-Rom.

The American army in Silesia has no retreats, and is annihilated.

"Fall 1920"

ENGLAND: A Sev-Ukr; A Ber-Sil; A Mun S
A Ber-Sil; A Liv S U. S. A. A Pru-War;
F Bal-Pru; F Iri-Mid; F Eng S F Iri-Mid;
F North Sea & F Ska hold.
FRANCE: F Tun-Ion; F Tyr S F Tun-Ion; F
Wes S F Tyr; A Bur S ENGLISH A Mun.
ITALY: A Pie-Ven.
U. S. A.: A Mos-Ukr; A Pru-War.

GERMANY: A Sil-Pru.
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: F Adr S TURKISH F Eas-Ion;
A Tyr-Boh; A Tri-Tyr; A War-Mos; A Ven
S TURKISH A Rom-Tus.
TURKEY: F Por-Mid; A Rom-Tus; F Nap-Rom;
A Apu S F Nap-Rom; F Ion-Nap; F Eas-Ion;
A Ukr-Sev; A Arm S A Ukr-Sev; A Gal-Rum.

The following retreats or annihilations take place:

ENGLAND: A Sev annihilated.

GERMANY: A Sil-Gal.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A War annihilated.

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENTENTE POWERS (14)

ENGLAND: Bel, Ber, Edi, Kie, Liv, Lon,
Mos, Mun, St.P, War. (10)
FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Tun. (4)

CENTRAL POWERS (15)

GERMANY: Vie. (1)
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Ser, Tri, Ven. (4)
TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Por, Rom,
Rum, Sev, Smy. (10)

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THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

Chapter XXXV

Secret Agent O-O-Hate sat beside the ruins of the Trans-Pacific Napalm Works, which he had just burned down, and waited for the notorious wrecking company Let's Tear Apart, Inc. Did they really intend to tear down the Berlin Wall as well, thus decreasing international bad feeling and playing into the hands of the Sinister International Pacifist Conspiracy?

He had not long to wait. As he sat by the ruins, smoking a new gasoline-flavored cigarette of the sort popularized by the Special Forces, three little men approached, walking in a row. They sang:

"Heigh ho, heigh ho,
It's off to wreck we go.
We'll tear down everything we can,
Heigh ho, heigh ho!"

As the three little men took picks off their shoulders and began to attack the ruins of the factory walls, the secret agent spoke:

"In the name of the President, of Mac, and of the American Way of War, I place you, the members of Let's Tear Apart, Inc., under arrest!"

The little men stopped working. "Who are you?" the last in line, and smallest, asked indignantly.

"I am Secret Agent O-O-Hate!"

"Are you quite sure of that?" the little man sneered. "Don't you have another identity?"

Had these sinister men uncovered his true identity - that of Clark Gansel, mild-mannered comic book collector? He had to find out.

"All us Secret Agents have secret identities," he said.

"Hah! I thought so!" the man replied. "You have a secret identity, so the arrest doesn't count! No secret agent can make an arrest unless he gives up his secret!"

"But - but -" O-O-Hate protested, "secret agents have been doing business like that for hundreds of years. It's part of the rules."

"I decide what the rules are in the secret agent game," the wrecker said. "And from now on, secret identities are out! Now scram, or we'll tear you down along with this building."

O-O-Hate noticed that the little men raised their menacing pickaxes at him. Quickly he invoked one of the oldest tricks in the secret agent business. "Now that you're about to kill me," he said, "suppose you tell me first what's behind your racket. After all, I'll never tell anyone else."

"Okay," said the leader of the wrecking crew. "This is what we're going to do..."

((What are the plans of Let's Tear Apart, Inc. to destroy the Berlin Wall? Find out in the next issue of GRAUSTARK.))

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF BEAUCOUILLON - IX

During the High Middle Ages - rendered even higher in 1290 by the invention of brandy by the Grand Duke Dionisio XIII - the practice of making book on sporting events was developed in Beaucouillon. The most favored sporting event at that time was jousting, although archery and a crude form of football also attracted the ducats of the Grand Duchy's visitors.

Typical of the tournaments of those days was the Grand Prix de Beaucouillon of 1328, held by the Grand Duke Ganymedes VI to mourn the death of his extremely close friend, King Edward II of England. In fact, according to a contemporary English chronicler, the monk Roger Echewoncho, "Beaucouillon held that day the biggest Prix

in Europe." The tourney was won by Sir Reptitius, a 7-1 shot whose victory caused the bankruptcy of a Lombard banking house which had incautiously backed the favorite, the noted epicure Sir Fitto Lampreys.

The income from these athletic events, and the introduction of such new games as chess, craps, and the shell game, did not tide the Grand Duchy over the loss of income from the cessation of the Crusades. While the income from crusading knights was cut off, the expenditures of the Grand Dukes for the oriental luxuries introduced by the Crusades continued. In the year of 1381 alone, the Grand Ducal expenditures on silks and slave-girls amounted to 120,000 gold ducats.

However, despite this economic strain, the Grand Duchy of Beaucauillon was not troubled by the peasant revolts which roiled the rest of Europe during the 14th century. Almost every peasant in Beaucauillon was descended, albeit illegitimately, from a Grand Duke; regarding themselves as practically members of the nobility, they had no incentive to revolt.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of Canadian Confederation, a group of Canadian Diplomacy fans have founded the first Canadian Diplomacy bulletin, Jutland Jollies. It is edited by Bob Lake and Derek Nelson, and is available for \$1 for 10 issues, or trades, from Bob Lake, Apt. #904, 35 Esterbrooke Ave., Willowdale, Ontario. Openings are available for players at \$3 each. The first issue contains three pages of interesting commentary on EXPO 67.

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That Gamesmaster is telling some Diplomacy fans that he is a Hungarian refugee, Class of '56, while he tells others that he is descended from an old American naval family?

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No one has yet identified the work in which the first mention of the Grand Duchy of Beaucauillon appears. A 20-issue free subscription to GRAUSTARK will be given to the first reader making this identification.

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Now that Eric Blake has been revealed, will Conrad von Metzke 'fess up to Antiquio Jose Revillagigedo? Will Charles Brannen acknowledge Steve Cartier and Dan Brannen? Will Pepperdine College tell how much it gets from the C. I. A.? Will Jim Sanders cease trying to impersonate a Diplomacy fan? Is Jock Root really Hans Alexis Zerkov? Is Billy Jo McAllister alive and well in Toronto?

None of these questions will be answered in GRAUSTARK.

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On 4 September 1967, at its national Klonvocation, the Ku Klux Klan gave its unanimous support to the United States war effort in Vieynam.

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Until 30 September, Rod Walker's address will be 1033 28th St., San Diego, Calif. 92102. After 30 September he will be at 3345th Technical Training School (SATL), Chanute AFB, Illinois 61866. For September only, Chris Wagner can be reached c/o Strategy & Tactics, Box 11-187, Loudonville, N. Y. 12211. In October he returns to his former address: Box 6008, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96328.

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GRAUSTARK readers who, owing to the beginning of the academic year, will be changing their addresses, should inform the Gamesmaster promptly of all such changes. A complete list of current addresses of players in GRAUSTARK games will be published in #140. If you wish your phone number published in this listing, please send it in.

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As GRAUSTARK's regular readers may have guessed, the Gamesmaster's elite typewriter has been repaired. Now the pica machine is out of order. But shortly we will have a Vortityper for this work, and then you'll see some funny type faces!

1967V

John Beshara and George and Sherry Heap have called the Gamesmaster's attention to the fact that no retreat was ever listed for the Italian army dislodged from Venice in the "Fall 1902" moves. The retreat was A Ven-Rom. Players should take account of this in submitting their "Spring 1903" moves, to which are assigned the new deadline date of NOON, SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 1967.

WWI-A (continued from p. 5)

At this point, Mehran Thomson raises the question of whose are the supply centers in Moscow and Warsaw. Builds are not in general transferable between allies. But the U. S. expeditionary force stands in a special circumstance. The reason why American aid has been so useful to her allies in two world wars is that American supply centers are far removed from any enemy action, and the U. S. does not depend on conquests in Europe to keep its forces supplied. In GRAUSTARK #122 I proposed that "supply centers taken by this force, or by any subsequently landed American Expeditionary Force, may be assigned to the Entente Power on whose territory the Americans originally landed. If this force is annihilated, then on the next subsequent 'Winter' move the Entente Powers may establish two American armies if the sea-ways are clear for their landings in Europe."

Under these rules, the "Winter 1920" moves are:

ENGLAND: Builds A Lon, A Edi.

ITALY: Removes A Pie.

U. S. A.: Builds A Bre.

TURKEY: Builds F Con.

Play in this game will be continued by carbon copy, with regular reports on its progress in GRAUSTARK.

1967U - PRESS RELEASES

LONDON: Quiet reigns supreme in London as the British dig in to meet the imminent Russo-German invasion. King Edward has called on Mary Poppins to form a new government. Miss Poppins' only remark to the Press when questioned about the collapse of the Franco-British alliance was "Sinn Fein".

This is

PARIS: France remained in its almost perpetual state of anarchy. Socialists, Dreyfusards, and other pacifists refused to believe that the Italian army had occupied Marseille and an Italian invasion of Brest was imminent. Chief discussion concerned the foolishness of the British who apparently had believed that France was interested in fighting Germany. (The French Army in the Ruhr has apparently been digging coal for the German Navy.)

O At
P Great
E Intervals
R This
A Appears
T To
I Inflame
O Optic
N Nerves

PARIS: You make a lousy poker player, Italy - from France with you know what.

DALLAS: Police here are investigating the mysterious death of Miss Alice Gallus, who apparently perished in a dynamite explosion last night. The chief of detectives refused to comment on rumors that members of his staff have been sent to North Carolina and to London to gather clues.

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ROME (Nov. 24, 1903): The King of Italy offers the Emperor of all the Russias a non-aggression pact to take effect March 1, 1904 along a truce line to be drawn somewhere in Austria, preferably far from the Italian border.

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This publication is not edited under the supervision of Bangs Leslie Tapscott.

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"Lo! He that writeth press releases in 1966AA doth not sleep; neither shall he quit." - R. C. Walker

grey, emaciated old woman tottered up the steps of the newly-built Viceregal Palace, and gained immediate audience with Prince Vlad Bordsha, the Allied Governor of New England and New York. Persons familiar with the dock area have identified the woman as the "False Svetsoxa", who claims to be a daughter of the lovely and gracious Empress of Balkania, the Divine Lucrezia. In a dramatic gesture, the ancient crone, reputedly dying of Bordshabiazin poisoning, signed over her controlling interest in Svetsoxa, Inc., to the Empress. "I still love Mama," she cackled. Said Prince Vlad, "Still keeping up the act, isn't she?" The aged Svetsoxa then returned to work at the docks, while Prince Vlad impounded her personal effects. Among them was a birth certificate for a "Svetsoxa Schwartz", born in Brooklyn in 1886. "Ha!" cried Vlad, "Proof positive of the fraud! Fraud, fraud, I say!!"

BROOKLYN (7 November 1911, BPD): Svetsoxa Schwartz was placed on Social Security today, under a new rule that people who look 65 and over were eligible. Officials say that Svetsoxa's appearance entitled her to 45 years' back allowances.

SALONA (18 November 1911, BPD): Former rebel Cardinal Hőzendorff entered the capital of Balkania today at the head of the entire membership of the heretical Synod of Sevastopol. After an audience of several hours with Her Holiness, Pope Joan II (also the Empress Lucrezia of Balkania), the assembled prelates reported that they had been received "in the prescribed manner" and had sampled the powers of the new improved Bordshabiazin with highly satisfactory results. The princes of the Church unanimously declared that they recognized Her Holiness as the True Pope and that "she is, if anything, younger looking and more accomplished in her - uh, profession - than ever before. Viva Lucrezia!!!"

BUDAPEST (25 November 1911, BPD): Her Imperial Majesty the Empress Lucrezia and Cardinal Hőzendorff today dedicated the first Improved Bordshabiazin factory in Balkania. The new product will be marketed under the trade name "Nourne-Vita".

SALONA (25 December 1911, BPD): And now we leave Balkania, celebrating madly the Annual Winter Fertility Festival. Her beauty and accomplishments undiminished, the glorious divine Lucrezia presides like a goddess over the proceedings, holding private audience for many hundreds of panting males. And everywhere are cries of "Viva Lucrezia!"

BROOKLYN (31 December 1911): At a literary tea which filled Prospect Park's skating rink (floored with pine planks for the occasion) and overflowed into Temple Mogen David, Nightstand Books and Svetsoxa Inc. today brought out the first of twelve anticipated volumes of I Am Lucrezia's Daughter, the sensational memoirs of the woman who claims to be Princess Svetsoxa, eldest illegitimate daughter of the Empress Lucrezia of Balkania. Presiding at the festivities was publisher Mutinus Nightstand, who apologized for the Princess's "unfortunate indisposition, which makes it impossible for her to be here". Mr. Nightstand was unable to be more explicit, and spent most of his time making sure that some six or eight obscure hack writers had so much to drink that they were unable to talk to the press.

Copies of Volume I, autographed by the Princess herself, were distributed to reviewers, some of whom noticed that she had apparently used three or four different hands in signing the massive quarto volumes.

A sensation occurred along about midnight when a certain tabloid editor leaped on the pyramid of whisky barrels and proclaimed that "Svetsoxa is Lucrezia and Lucrezia is Svetsoxa". Asked to elucidate, he said, "Isn't it obvious? First a young woman shows up in New York claiming to be Lucrezia's daughter, while Lucrezia goes into hiding. The word then gets out that Lucrezia has mysteriously grown old. Then the so-called daughter in New York turns old overnight, and Lucrezia is as young as ever - but the old Lucrezia turns out to have left everything to the young one, under the obviously phony name of Hagnelda. Finally, a forged birth certificate is produced by one of her relatives to make everything look all right. And Lucrezia is back in Salona, young as ever while the old woman is nowhere to be seen. Just what are the effects of Bordshabiazin, anyhow?"

The audience stood thunderstruck at this announcement. The only sound to be heard was made by a young, lantern-jawed New Englander who said, "This would make a great

plot for a story."

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PLAYERS OF 1966AA: Since no retreat was received for the Turkish fleet dislodged from the Aegean in "Fall 1911", the Gamesmaster orders it removed.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

FRANK CLARK, 5506 Fiske Place, Alexandria, Va. 22312: Response to your question on p. 13 of #137 (Why does 'Party' win out over 'Army'? - Note who controls the mechanism of propaganda and thus the mass communications media, thus enabling 'Party' to transmute itself to 'Popular Support'. And this is the route to 1984.

MARGARET GEMIGNANI, 67 Windemere Road, Rochester, N. Y. 14610: Your SS troop Ballad should be read at Nycen. It is sure to live up the con with a big fight. "Thanks" again with given the morale of boys in V N a lift. Guess V C appreciate it. Kind of makes up for missing their daily laugh with O O Hate. I can understand why you couldn't spread the time to notified that substitutes were been ready in U and mention names. ((I did so, on p. 4 of #135.)) You needed the room for prodandru of your own. Next time spare a line or two and mention substitutions. I did not know you wanted me to substitute. This is first time a games master wont automatic substitution and doesn't name the substitute. How about putting A Mar in for a retreat. Since the fault is not all mine.

I am sending moves and want to hear about what you are gong to do about A Mar. And I am taking up mind reading (opps, I don't want to read your mind) Where is U's progandra? Was that space sacrificed to the causes too?

...Don't go away mad, just go away...

((After "Fall 1902", the French A Mar was removed because no retreat was submitted for it. See the rulebook.))

GEORGE HEAP, Box 1487, Rochester, N. Y. 14603: A vague theory about Diplomacy players: some of them may be using probability. If you join enough games, drop as soon as a win becomes unlikely, concentrate on the promising ones, and you're sure to win eventually.

JAMES DYGERT, 2090 Blackwood Dr., Walnut Creek, Calif. 94596: Correction, John, Charlie ((Turner)) does not disregard the Armageddonia policy of no trade, no subscription. If he did, Bailey would heave him out on his ear. For every issue he sends to you he pays to the Arma staff 10%. Shouldn't jump to conclusions so fast, John.

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More letters in #139. This is the last issue that 1966B players will get unless they subscribe or trade.

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